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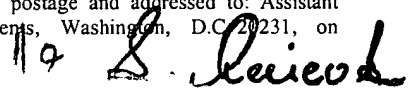
For: GAMES OF CHANCE WITH  
PLAYER-SPECIFIED ELEMENTS

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) **AMENDMENT & RESPONSE**  
) **To the Final Office Action**  
) **Mailed August 13, 2002 (Paper No. 7)**  
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Dear Examiner:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed August 13, 2002 (Paper No. 7), entry of the following amendment and consideration of the following remarks are respectfully requested.

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Please **AMEND** Claims **26, 27, 38, 40, 42 and 56** as follows:

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26. (TWICE AMENDED) A method of playing a game having a game outcome that depends at least in part on a predetermined point total, in which a hand of a player is compared to a hand of a dealer to determine a winner, comprising:

B1 | allowing a player to select a specific score instead of a player's hand;

dealing and playing a dealer's hand; and

comparing the specific score to the dealer's hand and the predetermined point total to determine a winner of the game.

27. (TWICE AMENDED) A method of playing a game having a game outcome that depends at least in part on a predetermined point total, in which a hand of a player is compared to a hand of a dealer to determine a winner, comprising:

allowing a player to select a specific score instead of a dealer's hand;

dealing and playing a player's hand; and

comparing the player's hand to the specific score to determine a winner of the game.

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38. (AMENDED) A method comprising:

receiving a wager for a game from a player,

B2 | in which the game has a game outcome that depends at least in part on a predetermined count value, and

in which a rule of the game provides that the player may receive at least one card determined by chance;

receiving a request from the player for a specific entry, in which the specific entry is in place of the at least one card;

determining a dealer score based on a hand of a dealer; and

determining an outcome of the game based on the predetermined count value, the specific entry, and the dealer score.

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